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Father furious at bus company

Policy prevented sick child from leaving the bus to use bathroom

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

A Minden father is livid after his six-year-old son was allegedly refused access to a toilet while suffering from a case of diarrhea.

The incident happened on the afternoon of Nov. 16, after a Laidlaw school bus picked up students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. The bus continued on to the Minden municipal complex, as it normally does,

where it waited 10 minutes for transfer students to arrive from a Haliburton bus.

It was while idling at the courthouse that the father says his son asked to go for "an emer-

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Darren Lum/TIMES

Santa Claus is back in town

Santa Claus paid a visit with Emma Lavery, 6, and Ben Prentice, 3, a visit during the Breakfast with Santa at the Minden Community Centre on Saturday, Nov. 27. Santa read stories to children. The usual fare of eggs and toast were on the menu.

Frost Centre's working committee will hire facilitator

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Daunted by how much work lies ahead, the Frost Centre Working Committee has made hiring a staff resource worker to help them an immediate priority.

They hope to advertise for a facilitator next week, receive all the applications by December 17 and then have a conference call three days before Christmas to go over the candidates. Early in the new year the facilitator could then start researching the various groups and funding models that will help the committee find a way to re-open the Frost Centre.

"We need staff to take these leads [on potential partners] so we can get a handle on some

of these models, otherwise we're just shot-gunning," said Brian Desbiens at Wednesday's meeting in Minden. "This person should be able to talk to, say Joe Blow, and tell us 'I don't think they're a fit but I was talking to this person who...'" agreed Eleanor Harrison.

When Gerry Phillips, chairman of the province's management board, appointed the volunteer committee to come up with a viable business plan to re-open the former Ministry of Natural Resources training and education facility, he gave the group \$25,000 to work with. Part of this money will be spent on the facilitator's wages.

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'You wouldn't treat your dog like that,' father says

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gency poo". Purportedly, the boy's 13-year-old sister also offered to escort him to the public washrooms in the adjacent courthouse. The father says the boy was then told by the bus driver to return to his seat.

"You wouldn't treat your dog like that. It's inhumane," says the father.

Laidlaw denies the allegations, saying no sense of urgency was conveyed to the driver. David Freeman, branch manger for Laidlaw, says it was not the boy himself who asked for permission, but a seven-year-old boy

sitting next to him who asked on his behalf. Furthermore, he says the boy's sibling never offered to escort the child and, even if she did, company policy would forbid it.

"We don't eject students from any bus except in the hands of management, a parent, a teacher, a principal, or police," says Freeman.

He says had urgency been conveyed, the driver would have turned back to ASES and put the boy back in the hands of school personnel.

Laidlaw also says there is no evidence the diarrhea episode occurred while on the bus, citing the fact that the driver did not smell anything or find any evidence on the bus.

"I'm not saying it didn't happen," says Freeman. "Obviously it did and it's very unfortunate. Normally, we wouldn't do anything to upset a child like this. But did it happen on the bus? I don't know."

The father, meanwhile, says the driver knew the gravity of the situation, and is incensed at the humiliation his son has since suffered.

"He was soaked. We threw his clothes out. He had shit from his waist into his running shoes," says the father. "Prisoners of war have the Geneva convention. The animals have rights and protection. How about a six-year-old kid under your care?"

The father says his son doesn't want to take the bus any-

more and has since been complaining of a sick stomach. The boy has also been waking up in the middle of the night asking to sleep with his parents. With students allegedly tormenting the young boy over the incident, the boy's sense of shame appears to be compounding.

"They're razzing the living hell out of him. And he's stuck with them from Grade 1 to Grade 8," says the father.

Archie Stouffer principal Rick Thorne says he has been monitoring the situation and neither he nor any other teachers have witnessed such teasing.

The school board calls it "an unfortunate incident" but stresses the primary focus is on student safety.

"The other concern that we have is that the municipal building is currently under construction and so there is some perceived risk there," says Catherine Shedden, a communications officer for Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Shedden acknowledges the board has no protocol for this particular situation, but adds the transportation policy is currently under review.

The ambiguity of board policy has the father flabbergasted, saying, "If I was to do that and it was public knowledge, Children's Aid would be trying to throw me in jail. Don't you think there would be some sort of emergency plan set up to deal with what happens with young persons on the bus?"

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Sled club in good shape, prez says

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

"Rumour can write faster than truth can erase" said Haliburton County Snowmobile Association President Andy Chvedukas in response to rumours that the HCSA is in financial difficulty.

"We're in the black.... better than last year," he said. "Last year we were a little short of cash but we're doing very well now thanks to extreme care in money management."

He said that as memberships are renewed over the next few weeks the financial situation will get even better.

Chvedukas said the HCSA has set priorities and the club is spending its money on those priorities.

"We're in the process of brushing trails and we have rerouted trails off some private land at the Duck Lake Road and off Highway 118 and up County Road 14," he said.



Andy
Chvedukas

The HCSA has eliminated 4.5 kilometres of trail by opening a concession right of way at Woodland Ranch. The Highway 118/County Road 14 section of trail

has also taken a few kilometres of trail off private property.

Chvedukas said the HCSA is living up to its promise to the county to eliminate trails from private property wherever possible. As much as 75 per cent of the trail system in Haliburton County was on private land as of a few months ago. He said that proportion is not going to be eliminated overnight. "It will take years," he said, adding that there are some sections that will never be eliminated. "We are doing what we can to avoid imposing on our gracious private property owners," he said. "It is our number one priority."

Chvedukas said the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs has obtained a new insurance company, one that will continue to offer \$15-million of coverage for private property owners who allow HCSA trails to cross their land. He said the premiums are expected to be high, but he doesn't have an exact figure yet.

He said the club has adopted good risk management policies, guidelines and incentives. That includes such things as a zero tolerance for alcohol, patrols, signage and reporting of trail conditions, among others.

Insurance companies, Chvedukas says, seem to be offering more reasonable rates for snowmobilers' private policies thanks, in part to the responsibility snowmobile operators are showing. "The emphasis that snowmobiling is a family sport seems to mean a softer edge to insurance companies," he said.



Renzo Rosati/TIMES

THAT guy in THAT place

What IS the connection between Santa Claus and Mike Myers? Every year at this time, it seems, the guy in the red suit and the guy in the *Cat in the Hat/Shrek* suit make a pilgrimage to the Haliburton Highlands. Sure enough, Myers was spotted in the Highlands again this Christmas season. Last Thursday night he and pal David Mackenzie (seated, at right) had dinner at That Place in Carnarvon. Restaurant owners Ed and Sue Yallop, along with kitchen manager Kris McAlister (standing, right), talked the talented comedian into having his photo taken by *Times* ad guy Renzo Rosati, who happened to be there at the time. Ed, who usually has something to say about everything, couldn't manage to utter a syllable. But Sue had no problem greeting the star and taking his order for fish and chips. Welcome back, Mike!

New Frost Centre facilitator will look at potential partners

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County CAO Jim Wilson will draft a brief job description and get it approved by the members by e-mail by the end of the week.

Since its inception three months ago, committee members have stressed they want to "think outside the box." Their goal is not to simply re-incarnate the Frost Centre as it was before. They say that model obviously didn't work because it ran a deficit, making it vulnerable to closure.

"Some people believe in the status quo but it didn't work," Desbiens said. "What we're recommending is change."

However, they also don't believe the MNR's statement that the Frost Centre is no longer viable. Instead, as Margaret Casey said Wednesday, they think the MNR simply decided that running a facility which taught people, by example and instruction, how to properly manage our natural resources was no longer one of its core responsibilities.

"Government in the past 10 years has fundamentally redesigned itself," she said,

"The public says there's a need for the Frost Centre but it didn't fit into the cubbyholes that the government had."

But what groups could play a role in taking over the Frost Centre? Will an organization be a partner in management or just contribute by being a customer of its services?

"We want to hear from everyone," said Greg Walling. "There may be a jewel we don't know about. But whatever we do, I don't want to be part of a Band-aid solution. I want it on sound financial footing."

Desbiens agreed, adding a caveat: "It's not sufficient just to be financially viable if [the new working model] doesn't respect its history."

All of the committee members have ideas of which groups may play a role but the committee has less than a year to come up with a plan. That doesn't leave it enough time to listen to each group make a presentation – and that's where the facilitator will come in.

The facilitator will do the preliminary searches for potential partners, parse them and then report to the committee.

Desbiens also wanted the job to include investigating different funding models. For instance, he heard of a similar facility in Wisconsin which is partly funded through the fines meted out by conservation officers – conservation officers who were trained at the facility.

However, he stressed once again that after going through all of this work, he wants to know the government is going to give serious consideration to the recommended solution.

Walling said that he was talking to MPP Jeff Leal last week. Leal, a Liberal from Peterborough, was instrumental in getting the committee established. The message from Leal is, in Wallings' words, that "The government is watching this whole process as a model for other issues they'll have in the province."

Desbiens said that while it's good that the province is interested in locally-driven solutions, "If local solutions means we have to come up with the funds, I have a problem with that."

"It's a pretty hollow victory," Ken Veitch added.

Irondale, Iron Mine landfills will stay open until they're filled up

Minden Hills moves on waste recommendations

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

Minden Hills council approved new recommendations for both waste disposal and waste diversion at this past Thursday's council meeting. The initiatives were laid out by SGS Lakefield Research, an environmental consulting firm, in its short-term waste management report.

Currently, the municipality runs four sites for waste disposal - Scotch Line, Ingoldsby, Iron Mine, and Irondale - in addition to two waste transfer stations at Little Gull and Lochlin. The new plan would continue services at all four waste disposal sites, with the Ingoldsby site slated to become a transfer station when it reaches its capacity in 2007. In the meantime, Little Gull would be the only remaining waste transfer station.

The existing waste disposal system costs taxpayers \$198 a year per household. Bob Romberg, Minden Hills' environmental and property operation manager, originally recommended a more streamlined approach by closing Iron Mine and Irondale, which would have brought the annual cost down to \$173. However, council felt the existing capacities of the sites were a valuable asset to the municipality.

"We had a county-wide study done three or four years ago by the same firm and the recommendation was that we keep all the small sites open, fill them to capacity, and then close them," says Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon. "It's so hard today to try and get a waste disposal site open. If you got one, then use it. Don't close it prematurely because once you close it, you'll never get it open."

Iron Mine reportedly has 10 years of life remaining with annual operation costs hovering at \$95,000. The Irondale site life is estimated at 25 years with an annual cost of \$25,000.

"I recommended not to complete filling Irondale and Iron Mine," says Romberg. "There is a compliance issue that has been noted to me by the consultants, which in the short term may look okay, but in the

long term could be a significant cost to the municipality," says Romberg.

The Ministry of Environment (MOE) has complex and often ambiguous compliance issues regarding the operation of waste disposal sites that Romberg fears may incur unforeseen costs to the township.

In the end, council stipulated Irondale and Iron Mine would remain open until capacity is achieved or otherwise told by the MOE.

Council will also pursue changes to the MOE's Certificate of Approval so that Minden Hills property owners can dispose their waste at any of the above mentioned sites at their discretion. At the present time Scotch Line site is the only one allowed to receive garbage from anywhere.

Just how long it will take for the MOE to approve such changes is unknown. "Anything that goes through the MOE is a toss up. It can take six months or it can take two years. Six months is probably being very, very generous. We're not looking at the short term on that one," says Romberg.

Also put forth was a new waste diversion initiative that may incorporate a user-pay system with a bag limit program. The program would restrict the amount of waste that can be sent for disposal by a household and impose a fee on each bag dumped. Minden Hills has a present diversion rate of 35 per cent, a respectable figure but well off the MOE's proposed target of 60 per cent.

According to the SGS report, a bag limit and user-pay system promotes "increased participation in alternative waste diversion activities" and assists "the overall reduction in the community's solid waste management costs by diverting waste from more expensive disposal options, such as landfill, to more cost effective options such as back yard composting."

The newly approved initiatives will be sent to the Waste Management Committee for further recommendations.



Doreen Lum/TIMES

Yummy!

Five-year-old Jenna Hughes takes a bite out of her personal pizza she made at the Family Supper Club in Minden on Monday, Nov. 29. The club runs once a week on Mondays, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., each month providing information nights, guest speakers such as public health nurses and Family Services representatives, menu planning and the kids' cooking night. Children aged seven and under are eligible and donations of \$4 per child are appreciated. Please telephone 286-1770 for further information or for reservations (deadline for bookings is 10 a.m. on the day).

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Perma-Frost shares list

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Perma-Frost is sharing its extensive list of groups that have expressed an interest in keeping the Frost Centre alive with the working committee that's trying to come up with a way to do just that.

Doug Smith, a member of the local volunteer lobby group which formed within days of the Ministry of Natural Resources' decision to close the Frost in July, with a copy of its contact list.

"We hope that by providing you with these names we can facilitate the process," Smith said at Wednesday's meeting in Minden.

Most of the names are groups and individuals who signed an open letter to Premier Dalton McGuinty this past summer. These signatories represent at least one million people.

Smith is being asked to confirm that Perma-Frost can share these names under new privacy legislations.

One of the people who signed the open letter was David Suzuki. Perma-Frost had hoped that his foundation could have played a significant role in the future of the Frost. However, the Foundation told Perma-Frost this week that, while it supports the Frost Centre, it doesn't have enough resources to contribute to its management.

Smith says the news came as a big disappointment to Perma-Frost. "We had hoped the foundation could be a primer mover," he told the committee.

Committee member Greg Walling asked Smith about fundraising. Were people as enthusiastic in their financial support as they were with moral support?

"Obviously," Walling said, "we'll have to do some fundraising. A lot of people say 'that's a terrible thing [that, for instance, the Frost Centre is closed], but when you ask them for money the phone's busy.'"

Smith said the group didn't actively seek funds but groups and individuals have come forward to help. The recent comedy night with Brigitte Gall and Ron James was Gall's suggestion; the evening raised approximately \$2,000 and there is talk of having a bigger benefit concert. The billboard in downtown Toronto cost about \$2,000 and was supported by Environment Haliburton! and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union.

Committee member Brian Desbiens asked how Perma-Frost was able to mobilize Frost lobbyists so quickly and effectively.

Smith said that the government's decision to close the Frost "was like putting

a match to a stick of dynamite. You have to trust the community on this one. I didn't meet one person who thought the closure was anything but an outrage. I was astounded."

Asked what's keeping him motivated to stay involved with Perma-Frost - he's also offered to join Friends of the Frost Centre as a liaison - Smith said, "Let's say you're a turtle on a trail and an elephant steps on your back. You don't question whether it's a good elephant or a bad elephant; it's just an elephant."

Smith felt no guilt in embarrassing the government, which he called proudful because of its refusal to change its mind on the Frost's importance to Ontarians. "We got 'em good when David Suzuki said he was shocked and disgusted by [Environment Minister] Jim Bradley's behaviour. The government's been severely singed on this."

After the province-wide groundswell of support for the Frost, the Minister of Natural Resources could have said that his ministry had made a wrong decision and would listen to the people. Smith was angered that David Ramsay instead decided "not to go back because then he'd look weak."

"The people's hearts would melt if they said, 'Oh, we didn't realize it's an educational facility.'"

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However, the public is assured by Chief Administrative Officer Pat Kemp that the township's essential services will be available when required. The Public Works Department employees, she says, will be "on the job" whenever the road conditions warrant their attention and the Fire Department personnel will be available 24/7 - with the emergency contacts made by phoning 9-1-1.

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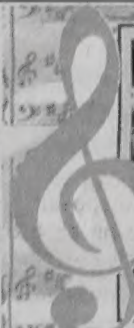
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Value versus cost

If you build it, they will come. That adage is true in the case of the Minden and Haliburton hospitals. The emergency departments treat more than 27,000 people annually.

It's unfortunate that once it is built and in operation, potential users and supporters are not as inclined to donate to the capital cost.

As proposed to county council, a tax levy to pay off the last of the capital debt seems reasonable. After all, \$26 per \$100,000 of assessment doesn't seem to be that much of a burden. Even a property worth a quarter of a million dollars would only be assessed an additional one-time tax of \$65.

The seasonal property owners - translate that to cottagers, whose assessment, because of their property's value - could be expected to protest that they will be paying the lion's share of the cost since their assessments are among the highest. Waterfront property owners, seasonal or full-time, would be paying a disproportionate amount of such a levy.

Wouldn't it be more equitable if some way could be found to distribute the cost to everyone in the county, you might ask? With 15,000 full time residents and 45,000 seasonal residents the cost per person to pay off the \$1-million debt that remains would be just under \$17 per person. The difference is negligible.

Many are of the opinion that it is time to bite the bullet and do what it takes to pay the debt off. We are already paying some of the cost because the County is shouldering the interest on the loan. Everyone who pays county taxes is contributing to that interest payment anyway. The sooner the debt is paid off, the less interest we'll pay.

Lifting the debt load does have its benefits. Once the capital cost is paid down, the fundraising efforts can be directed toward buying new and better equipment for the hospitals. Medical equipment must be upgraded regularly and advancements in technology can go a long way toward saving lives. The sooner we get out from under the capital debt, the sooner we can start investing in better technology.

When we need the services of our medical facilities, thoughts of the costs of having them available are the farthest from our minds. Simply put, if we didn't have hospital facilities as readily available in our communities, the chances of survival in the event of a serious illness or accident would be diminished dramatically. In spite of the quality service provided by the local Emergency Medical Services personnel - paramedics - to keep patients stable in transit to a hospital, unless there is an emergency department within a few minutes, their best efforts could be in vain. It is doubtful that anyone would question how much saving the life of a love one is worth - \$26 per \$100,000 worth of assessment doesn't seem too steep in that instance.

Even the seasonal residents must admit that having a life-saving hospital emergency department within a reasonable distance of their cottages is a luxury that is worth much more than can be expressed in a dollar value.

Is an across-the-board county tax levy based on assessed property value the fairest way to pay off the capital debt? The short answer is no.

But given the difficulty in raising the last million dollars so the Foundation can get on with supplying state of the art life-saving equipment, it may be the most practical. As fundraising is going, it would take well past the projected December 2005 target date to accomplish the goal of paying off the debt.

If anyone has any better idea, we're sure the Foundation would like to hear it.

- jg

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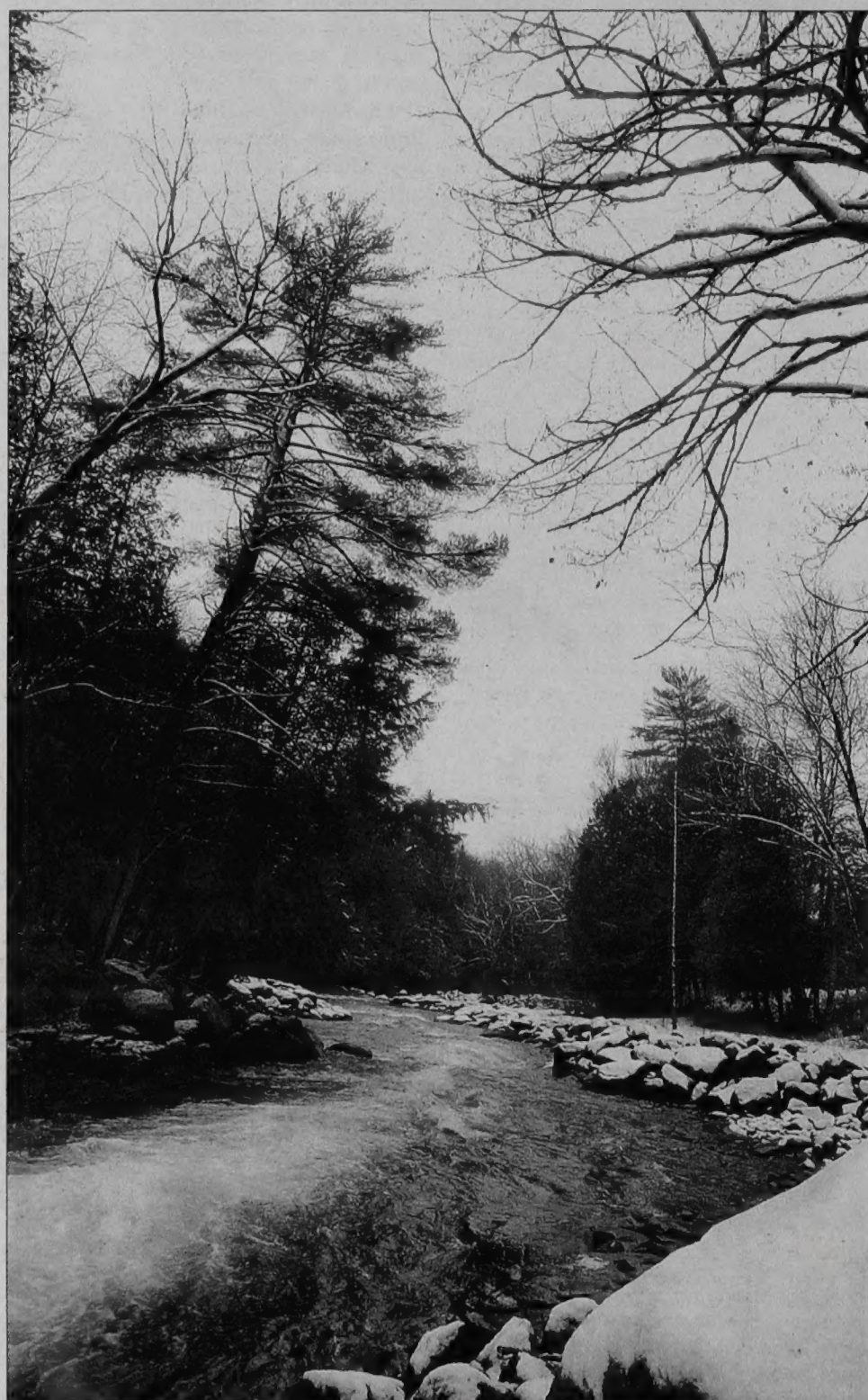
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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Resident still has no number for 911 service

To the Editor:

We read with great interest the article stating that December 10 is the launch date of 911. This caused our family some concern as we as yet we do not have a number, despite the fact that out of the four properties on Blackberry Lane, we are the only permanent residents.

Some time ago, the first and last properties received their numbers, the numbers being 1002 and 1009 respectively. At that time I called and was told they were a bit behind but our numbers would be put up within the next few months. That was many months ago. Last summer we received a notice saying our property and the one next would be 1015 and 1017.

This caused more confusion as that means the last cottage on the road has a lower number.

Also we are all on the same side of the lake but one number is even and the rest are odd. At that time we went into the 911 office and explained the inconsistency. We were told emphatically that all numbers are correct as they were done by the GPS system and that was that.

We realize the conversion to 911 is a horrendous job but we feel permanent residents who could require emergency service should be ensured of a number when the program begins.

Betty Henderson,
Blackberry Lane

IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

That PAL of mine

I guess you've heard. That's right; recently, my life has become far more exciting. Yes, I'm on the prowl again.

I chalk it all up to a mid-life crisis. But maybe, it was more than that. Whatever the case, after several good years together, we had grown distant. Oh, it was nothing insidious, we just sort of fell out of love - we had two different visions of the world, I guess. POL, my firearm Possession Only Licence, was quite content to grow old with the same old firearms we always had. Not me; I wanted some of the old excitement back. That's why I left POL for her sister, a younger, more adventurous Possession and Acquisition Licence who people call PAL.

And what a PAL she's been so far. I'll tell you, she can do things my POL never could.

While I was with my POL, for instance, I'd just walk into the sporting goods shop and ignore the gun rack,

even though that's all I could think about. I mean, why look at forbidden fruit? My POL wouldn't allow it. In fact, she'd strictly forbid adding another gun to our happy family. But she forgot that a man has needs.

Even so, while in the relationship, I respected that. I tried to make it work. Besides, I didn't think it was right to lead some beautiful, sleek, lever-action down the garden path. I'm not one of those guys with roaming hands, who'll just look down the breech, size up the butt and then walk away like nothing ever happened. No sir, I'm a gentleman.

Now, it's different though. My PAL and I have a more "open" relationship. She actually encourages me to look. It's wild, I tell you! I haven't even bought another rifle or shotgun yet, but boy, life

sure is sweeter when you know the possibility is there. Suddenly, you take care of yourself and dress better, knowing that first impressions are best. It was

well worth the \$65 that the government charged to allow PAL and I to be together legally.

Suddenly, I'm surfing the Internet and book-marking those previously forbidden sites - Guns USA, Elwoods Epps Gun room, Remington, Winchester, Savage and Browning, even Wholesale Sports. I'm not ashamed to say that I'm looking for some hot pump action - you'd be surprised how many of us are. But I don't let it get out of hand

- 16 hours a day at most.

Now, I don't just allow my eyes to glaze over when I see an ad describing a "single used gun, crazy about waterfowl-

ing and turkey hunting looking for that special someone to pull her trigger." Heck, I'll seriously consider the relationship. I might even call if she's my type. My PAL doesn't mind. She trusts me.

When I go into gun rooms these days, I'll have a good look at the rack. I might even flirt a bit if I like what I see. Sometimes it works out too. I just spent a week in deer camp with this sweet little .44 Rem mag. Talk about a great time. I think we might even get together again soon.

And friends of mine are starting to set me up. The other day, my buddy Tom called to say there was this cute little .22 I really ought to meet. We've got a date planned before Christmas.

I know what you're thinking, but rest assured this is not just about senseless banging. It's about rekindling that undying flame that'll keep me warm even into my twilight years. Yes, I suppose you could say it's all about fire power. Good old fire power.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Off the grid and on the edge

Secrets are no fun unless you share them and so The Brown Dog Jiggs and I have decided to tell the whole world about the really bad pun that appears on this page each week.

Take a look at the two logs on this page; you may think of them as labels. One, Steve Galea's, says *Beyond 35*. The other, mine, says *Back of Beyond*.

The way the page is laid out, mine should actually say *Underneath Beyond* but the juxtaposition is correct in other ways. *Thirty-five* is only a distant speck in my rearview mirror and Steve's Vinegar Hill is a good deal more civilized than my Sapsucker Ridge.

Back of Beyond was never intended to be a pun; it was meant to reflect the life Jiggs and I live on Sapsucker Ridge. Martha Perkins, shaken by a ride to the Ridge over a never-ending chain of bumps and hills and blind curves, would have agreed to anything so long as I let her out of my truck.

The road that seemed never-ending to Martha was only two miles long and *Off The Grid* would have been more correct than *Back of Beyond*, seeing as how on a clear day we can hear the fire sirens from Minden.

At night, we hear the truck traffic from Highway 35. On summer Friday evenings, snatches of the Concert On the Gull drift through our trees.

So it is not distance that separates us from the outside world as much as the absence of the utilities that allow our village friends to live in the 21st Century.

To a city visitor, afraid of the dark or of silence, Jiggs and I must seem to be living in a state of nature. But we don't grub for roots, snare squirrels for dinner, make candles of bear grease or haul our water in buckets from some distant spring.

The ties that bind St. Germaine Street to the outside world bind us too, but our connections are more elusive, more tangled and considerably more expensive.

We drive over private roads to a cabin that is heated with wood that we (I, actually) harvest ourselves, a house that runs on propane and gasoline and sunshine. We have to think and plan to make our house work.

Just getting from Sapsucker Ridge to Bobcaygeon Road requires that we pay the man who owns one part of the road for the right to drive over it and join with others to maintain the other part of the road, which seems to belong to nobody in particular. In winter, it means paying to

plow both parts of the road.

If I had had Jiggs around to advise me 20 years ago, the house would run mostly on solar power instead of propane, which

runs our lights, kitchen range, hot-water heater and refrigerator.

Propane is fine for the range and hot water, but the lights and the fridge are another story. The lights are expensive, dim and leave you fumbling in the dark for matches.

Our fridge is like a compact sports car. It costs too much money (\$1,800, 10 years ago), is cramped (five cubic feet, I think), and requires frequent

and expensive repairs. It does keep things cold, though.

My solar system feeds all the toys I didn't need when I was only a weekend visitor - a television, radios, a cell phone and the computer on which this column is being written. It could be running my lights and fridge and will when we win the lottery.

If our solar panels need help on gloomy days, there is a generator that also drives the pump that lifts water from a damp well into an attic storage tank. The morning routine is to start it up to make toast

and top up the water tank, then let it top up the solar storage batteries while we finish breakfast.

The enormous burden of heating with wood is that a few times each day I have to put a couple of sticks into the single airtight that keeps my 1,100 square feet toasty warm on the coldest Haliburton day.

In the summer Jiggs watches as I cut firewood instead of going to the gym - 20 face cords two years in advance for the house and the sugar shack and friends on the lake.

It all sounds simple, even idyllic, but living off the grid is living on the edge. There is always something that needs fixing and repairs and replacement parts aren't cheap. It's early days for some of the technology and so it still has flaws.

Nor is our disconnect from the grid environmentally benign. Trees die to keep us warm. The house sucks up vast quantities of propane and gasoline and sends up clouds of wood smoke every winter day. The Brown Dog Jiggs and I choose not to live with bear-grease candles so our sense of independence is mostly an illusion.

When the power grid collapsed in eastern North America a couple of summer ago, Jiggs was feeling morally superior until I told him the generator was out of gas.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Women gather Monday to recall Montreal massacre

To the Editor:

December 6, 2004 marks 15 years since the Montreal Massacre. On that day, 14 young women were murdered by a man who blamed his lack of success in engineering studies on the women who were challenging this male-dominated profession, students and teachers and office staff at L'Ecole Polytechnique. He entered the university building, separated

the women from the men, and shot as many as he could.

The impact of this event continues to be felt, as it was so public. The message that it is still dangerous to be a woman stepping out of line is still true, however, as evident in the steady flow of women needing shelter, police protection, and

medical assistance resulting from violence at the hands of a current or former male partner, who are generally not in the public view.

OutLoud Womyn will be gathering with anyone who wishes to join us on the main street in Haliburton near the downtown traffic lights at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, December 6, for a brief

ceremony of remembrance and intention.

We invite each person to commit to an action that builds individual and community strength in making our community safe for women and children - and all people. We need to keep awareness and take action until violence becomes unacceptable by all of us.

Claire Sylvan,
Haliburton

MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

Darren Lum/TIMES



Tree lighting a memorable event

To The Editor:

O Christmas Tree

What a wonderful evening in the Village Green on Main Street, Minden, last Friday! Men, women and children circled the Christmas tree awaiting its lighting. As the lights came on the group raised their voices in the singing of "O Christmas Tree", accompanied by John Menzies on keyboard. We then moved into the Gazebo for the singing of Christmas carols and songs.

Many thanks to Kevin Hill, and Ivan Ingram and his helpers of the Municipality of Minden Hills, for cutting the tree and putting on its lights; to the community police for supplying the carolers and shoppers with hot chocolate; to John Menzies for his beautiful renditions on his keyboard despite cold fingers; and to the stores who did stay open so we could warm up while we shopped. How great it would have been if all the stores stayed open at least until nine o'clock. Maybe next year!

I would be remiss if I did not say "thank you" to Anne Neave and her "elves" for the decorations they made and hung on Main Street, and for the lighting in the Village Green. It all brightens up our Christmas season. Lastly, a special thanks to all the songsters, young and old, for their beautiful singing. See you next year. Merry Christmas!

Lois Rigney
Minden

Reader urges donations to help doctors

To The Editor:

"Keep our Doctors Here"

I am writing in regards to the impending doctor shortage. I have set up an account under "Keep our doctors here" at the Minden C.I.B.C. Anyone wishing to donate may do so directly or they may call me at 286-3561, for more information.

With Dr. Jaan Roos retiring at the end of January, we'll only have one full-time doctor, Dr. Wu, and one part-time doctor, Dr. Campoini.

In order to keep the practice going, money has to be raised so our existing doctors can keep the doors open.

If, as a community, we can all come together and help raise money, it can cover the costs to keep the doctors at the existing site until a permanent site which is affordable comes along or another alternative comes to light, but in the meantime we need these donations.

I plead with this community to dig deep into their pockets, or make a donation for someone for Christmas, and anyone who is a patient of these doctors knows how important it is for their doors to stay open. Please make a donation and keep our community healthy without over-taxing our hospital facility.

Lindsay MacLean
Minden

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To celebrate the launch and to commemorate the efforts of the team that put the Public Emergency Reporting System together, the County is respectfully inviting its citizens to attend the

9-1-1 Launch Ceremony
December 10, 2004
Noon
County Council Chambers
11 Newcastle Street, Minden

The ceremony will consist of speeches from the Warden and several emergency service agency representatives followed by the ceremonial official first 9-1-1 call.

Refreshments will be served



Lance Crossie/TIMES

A festive lunch

Haliburton Home Support Services held its annual Christmas lunch on Wednesday at the Minden United Church. The United Church congregation prepared the ham, pota-

to, and squash lunch while outside the first major snowfall hit the area, creating a cozy Christmas atmosphere. Home Support Services's volunteers and staff provide help for seniors and the disabled to enable them to stay in their homes for as long as possible.

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Last year we had seventy four companies and individuals participate. At the busiest time of the year all of you took time to help! Thank you.

The Christmas party season is about to commence. The Haliburton County Home Builders would like to encourage you to include this Challenge in your plans. Large or small each gift is needed to fill the baskets this Christmas.

Each participant in the Challenge receives a ballot in our draw. Last years winners were Jim & Glenda Burk. In their name the Haliburton County Home Builders Association made a donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.



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Hallelujah for Messiah Choir

This past weekend, the Messiah Choir gave a wonderful performance of Handel's *Messiah* at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton.

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Sheryl Loucks/TIMES



Gord Smith to provide pointers on how to beat winter colds, flu

Learn about a few timely strategies and natural remedies to help prevent and effectively treat common illnesses that arrive with winter. Naturopath Gord Smith will discuss the potential health benefits of various foods, nutrients and herbal compounds at the Lounge Café in Carnarvon on Wednesday, December 8 from 7 to 8 p.m.. The admission fee is a donation to the local food bank.

People who are keen on local politics take note: the county's meeting on the draft budget for 2005 has been rescheduled from Tuesday, December 7. It will now be on Monday, December 20 starting at 9:30 a.m.. The meeting is open to the public.

It's time for a new Nobel prize

by ROSS JARVIS
Special to The Times

'Was there a Nobel prize for the guy who invented the dishwasher?' asked my son Jamie as he packed the dinner dishes into our Maytag.

'Yes', said I. 'The Nobel Prize for Appliances. It's right up there with the Nobel Peace prize. Or should be. Heaven knows there's been more peace created by the elimination of clearing up (as my mother used to call it) than any politician has ever been able to create with things like the Camp David Accords or dispatching UN troops to hang around places without any weapons,' I added, turning the cynicism knob up to High.

When I was a kid, my sister and I had to wash the dinner dishes every night. I hated it. It used to spoil my dinner just thinking about what was coming afterwards. It couldn't have taken more than 15 minutes, but it must have been the longest 15 minutes since going to the dentist was invented. (I'm sorry, but anything the dentist does takes longer than anything you can do, including brain surgery, lipo-suction and hip-replacement.) But

enough anti-dentididity. Back to the Nobel prize.

I think the Swedes, or whoever dishes out Nobel Prizes, should re-consider some of their areas for consideration. For example, the Nobel Prize for literature is always pretty esoteric. I mean, James Joyce is lost on all but the few people who write the cover linings, and they were just pretending to understand him to look good. Hold up *Finnegan's Wake* against something like the microwave oven or the four-banger toaster and see where the applause metre goes.

Anybody remember who won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry? Time's up. I'm sure it was a worthwhile concoction, and deserving of an award, but really, can it hold a candle to, say, a Jennair? I don't think so.

I know the board of directors of the Nobel Prize, being the intelligent body that it is, would welcome suggestions from the outside world. Probably can't wait to hear from us. Always eager to help, I submit the following:

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Drivers adjusting to road conditions

Drivers in Haliburton County, it seems, have adjusted their driving habits to the road conditions.

There have been a couple of snowstorms and the number of accidents reported was quite low, considering the county has 3,600 kilometres of roads.

Minden weather guru Phil Graham says the first snowstorm of the season started at 2:46 p.m. on November 24 and continued through until about 8 a.m. the next day. Sergeant Andrew Barclay of the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police says there were six accidents reported on November 24.

This week's snowstorm, on December 1, saw five accident reports.

Festive RIDE program in effect

The Ontario Provincial Police will stay one step ahead of impaired drivers this holiday season during the annual Festive R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) from November 26 to January 2.

This is the time of year with staff Christmas parties and festive gatherings with friends and family. These occasions sometimes go hand-in-hand with alcohol consumption and consequently, some drivers who travel our roads during this period may risk driving impaired, placing all other road users in danger.

During the Festive R.I.D.E. campaign last year, officers investigated 40 fatal collisions in which 50 people lost their lives. Seven were alcohol related.



Kinsmen support Food Bank

The Minden Food Bank and its Christmas Basket program each received \$500 donations from the Minden District Kinsmen Club. Minden Food Bank Treasurer Jim Hicks (right) accepted the donations from Kinsmen President Tom Prentice. Joining in the presentation were, left to right: Andy Hughes, Tammy Douglas, Kinsmen Treasurer Jim Carrell, Karin Koch, Ben Prentice (front, representing his dad Jack Prentice), Karen Barter and Gord Barter.



The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough & Area is seeking an EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

JOB SUMMARY

Serving Peterborough, Northumberland and Haliburton Counties, the Chapter is committed to improving the quality of life for persons with Alzheimer disease or related dementias, and their caregivers.

The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough provides a full range of services and programs that address each state in the progress of Alzheimer Disease with support for caregivers and families throughout.

Our mandate includes providing advocacy, a caring and understanding support system, individual, family and group counseling, public education, volunteer in-home caregiver relief, professional in-service training and providing information about the safely home wandering registry.

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director, through dynamic leadership, skills and vision, will ensure the delivery of programs, services and education to our stakeholders, within the communities we serve, and direct the successful day-to-day operations of the Society.

Key responsibilities include:

- Managing, monitoring and evaluating all services and programs of the Society.
- Preparing and managing budgets and ensuring the preparation of financial and statistical reports.
- Providing leadership, managing, mentoring and ensuring the most effective deployment of the Society's team of staff and volunteers.
- Partnering with other relevant organizations, including the Alzheimer Society of Ontario, other provincial Chapters, governmental and other agencies and organizations to facilitate public awareness of the Society, enhance its financial position and support the strategic vision of the Board of Directors.
- Liaising with appropriate government agencies to secure optimal funding for the Society.
- Supervising fundraising and other development initiatives that maximize revenue while minimizing risk.
- Ensuring the Board of Directors is provided with information, options, opinions and perspectives, that are relevant, timely, accurate, complete, and that supports effective and transparent governance.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 5+ years related experience in a not-for profit organization.
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- Experience working with a Board of Directors.
- Experience in a management capacity with a focus on mentoring staff and volunteers.
- Excellent analytical, tactical, planning and administration skills.
- Demonstrated leadership and interpersonal skills.
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- Knowledge of Alzheimer disease and related dementias.
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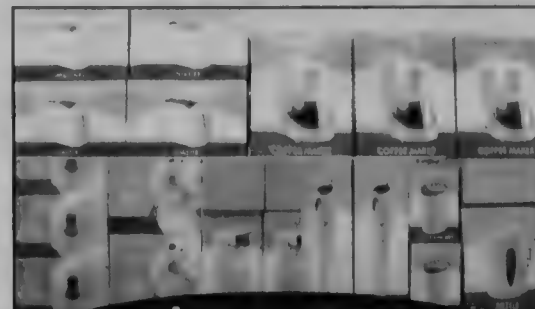
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Health services suggests county levy to pay off \$1-M debt

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation says that a one-time levy to pay down the remaining capital debt would allow it to better plan for the county's future healthcare needs.

It is asking county council to impose a levy on all property taxpayers to retire either the entire amount left on the county's \$5.5 million commitment to the construction of the new hospital facilities or part of it.

With an outstanding loan of \$1 million, paying off the entire debt would cost \$26 for every \$100,000 of assessment.

A dozen HHHSF and HHHS representatives attended Wednesday's county council meeting to make the request.

Dale Walker, the Foundation's executive director, noted that HHHS is the county's largest employer with 225 people earning a total of \$10 million a year in wages, salaries and professional fees. There's an additional \$4 million a year paid to suppliers and service industries and \$1 million to local businesses.

More than 27,000 people a year visit the emergency department and the existence of the modern hospitals is a considerable factor in people's decision to move to the county.

"The hospitals are crucial to attracting people here and keeping them," Walker said.

The entire project to upgrade and expand the hospital facilities cost \$20 million. The cost was split between the local community, the federal government and the provincial government, which increased its share in the project.

Rather than stall construction for the county's share to be raised, the HHHSF borrowed \$5.5 million. County council agreed to pay the interest on the loan as its commitment to the project.

So far the county has paid \$399,400 in interest. If the loan is paid off by the end of 2007 as expected, the county would have to pay an additional \$79,000. That means that the county's contribution to a \$20 million project will be \$490,000, or 2.5 per cent of the cost.

Now that the hospitals are open, the last \$1 million is harder to raise. The target

date has been set back two years from the original estimate of December, 2005.

As well, many individuals and groups who have already contributed to the capital campaign are asking if they can help buy new equipment instead.

If the capital debt was paid off the HHHSF would then be able to shift its entire focus to fundraising for equipment.

"I'm astounded by how expensive the equipment is and that it doesn't last long," Walker said, adding that the community wants and expects modern equipment to be in place. "We can't keep up with the demands."

*The hospitals are
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DALE WALKER

The idea of a one-time levy was first broached by county council in 1999. At the time, councillors suggested that the community's entire contribution could be paid for by the levy. It would have been \$100 per \$100,000 of assessment.

But times have changed since then, said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. Because

of market value assessment there's now been a major shift in taxation levels.

In 1999 the average residential house was worth \$80,000 and a cottage was \$120,000. Today, waterfront properties have increased two and a half times in value. If the levy was put in place, the county would therefore "put 75 per cent of the burden who don't live here."

The HHHSF's Don Popple said that in 1999 the Foundation believed it was best to see if the public sector, through donations, could raise the \$5.5 million. It was felt that if people paid money through property taxes they wouldn't make individual donations to the Foundation. However, now that the buildings are operational, "it's hard to go back to the well."

Peter Oyler said there are always inequities in fundraising projects. "Eighty per cent of the donors give 20 per cent of the funds."

Warden Bill Davis said that the request will be part of the county's budget process. A preliminary budget will be presented to council on December 20.

Davis noted that the HHHS is one of only 20 per cent of hospitals to balance its budget this year. "The HHHS should be commended for its balanced budget. You had to be frugal to do that and we have to be frugal as well."



Jerry Grozelle/TIMES

Beaverbrook donation

When golfers at Beaverbrook Golf Course in Minden rent a golf cart, course owner Dave Stevens asks if they would be willing to donate their \$1 deposit on the handle to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. This past season 1,140 of them said yes. The Stevens family matches that donation and this year \$2,280 was donated to the Foundation. The 2004 golf season was the fourth year Beaverbrook has made such a donation, with a total of \$11,614 going to the Foundation. Dave Stevens is flanked by Foundation Executive Director Dale Walker, left, and Secretary-Treasurer Marg Fielding.

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Ainslie Forbes, four-and-a-half, from Kennisis Lake, shows Santa Claus her Christmas card at the post-parade event.



A busy little elf

After the parade, Santa took time to hear children's Christmas wishes

The annual Minden Christmas parade was a spectacle to behold. Floats were entered by the Minden Fire Department, Minden Legion, Minden Home Hardware, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters to name a few. Throngs of watchers lined the street three and four deep in areas. Riding in a horse drawn car, Santa Claus ended the parade, waving to children who waited patiently along Minden's Main Street. After the parade hundreds of children and their parents visited with Santa at the Minden Hills Fire Hall. Children had a chance to share their gift wish list and were given a treat bag.



Local youngsters waved to the crowds from a variety of floats.



Heather Ross, Jan Heaven and Cathy Olliffe of Perma-Frost were all smiles.



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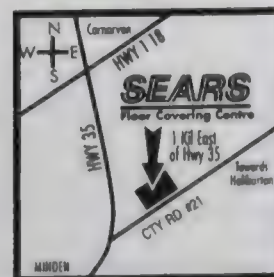
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Eiffel Tower, the Louvre – Minden couple sees it all

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

When Pauline Plooard entered the New VR's Win a Trip to France Contest, she didn't think she had much of a chance of winning. She entered online - just once - and then forgot about it.

She was in Pennsylvania at a quilting event when the draw was made on March 31. Her husband Grant, who was in the process of making maple syrup on their Horseshoe Lake Road property that day, was in the house taking a break when he flipped the TV on to catch the news. He says he could hardly believe it when it was announced that Pauline was the grand prize winner.

The Trafalgar Tours Treasures of France contest was co-sponsored by The New VR and Canadian Automobile Association.

The Ploards said it was a great trip. They went in September and Pauline was happy that most of the flowers were still in bloom, adding to the visual appreciation of the experience.

"It was a nice time of the year to go," Pauline said. "We saw all the big cathedrals, the Normandy beaches, and the sights of Paris."

The Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, Versailles, a cruise on the Seine and a show at the Moulin Rouge were among the highlights. They spent nine days in France, two of which were in Paris.

They were especially impressed with the Louvre. They both agreed that they could have spent the whole nine days



Grant and Pauline Plooard were thrilled to win a nine-day trip to France where Pauline had her picture taken at the Chenonceaux Chateau in the Loire Valley. She took this photo of Grant when they went to the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

there and not see all the exhibits. The bus trip included excursions to Normandy, Brittany and the Loire Valley.

Frequent travellers to the Alaska/Yukon area and to South America, the Ploards had never been on a bus trip or to Europe before. They both enjoyed the experience.

They were among 40 people, including Canadians, Americans and New Zealanders on the bus. "They were all really good people," Grant said.

Taking the trip offered the Ploards the opportunity to learn more about the history of France than they could ever have gleaned from books or films. "The tour guide was a wealth of information."



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The 2004 deer season above average

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The 2004 deer hunting season was a banner year. The harvest was higher than it has been in several years.

Deer hunter numbers across the province appear to be steady or increasing slightly. The total number of licences sold has not yet been tabulated, but figures for licences sold by telephone were slightly higher for 2004. In 2003, a total of 65,517 deer licences were sold through the telephone system. The 2004 figure was 68,011. That doesn't necessarily indicate an increase in overall licence sales since some of the hunters who traditionally bought their licences at a retail outlet may have opted for the convenience of telephone shopping.

As far as local deer hunter numbers go, licence sales at issuers in Minden and Haliburton are about the same as previous years.

Karen Perrott of Outdoors Plus in Haliburton said her licence sales have remained at about 340 for the past couple of years. "There are so many deer the success rate was high," she said. She added that many hunters had all the deer they wanted within the first few days of the season.

Bill Findlay of Minden Live Bait and Tackle concurred that licence sales were comparable to last year. "We sold about 500 licences," Findlay said. However, the number of out-of-province licences was down this year.

Minden Live Bait and Tackle is the only outlet in the area that accepts deer hides for the "Hats for Hides" program. "We had a pile of deer hides brought in," he said.

Findlay said the increase in antlerless tags is a good thing. "They needed to give out more doe tags and relax on the bucks," he said, adding that the buck-to-doe ratio has been out of whack for many years. "It has got to the point where an eight point buck is exceptional," he said. "The past three winters have been good for the deer -

they have been relatively mild with snow not getting too deep."

The number of really big bucks may be down, but several trophy-calibre bucks were taken in the county.

Bob Fraser's Blue Lake hunt camp near Eagle Lake bagged seven deer for 14 hunters the first week of the season and one for four the second week. The biggest was a 12-point buck, weighing about 160 pounds.

Wade Wood of Haliburton is a member of Bruce Sawyer's Lower 40 Hunt Camp. He bagged the biggest buck in the area, a 236-pounder with a 16-point non-typical rack. The group was hunting on Woodland Ranch when Wood downed the trophy buck with his .30-30 Winchester.

Sawyer said his camp had a very successful season. He said the number of deer seen during the hunt was several times the number taken.

Keith Hodgson of Hodgson's A4 Camp near Haliburton Lake said his group had a very successful season, taking 14 deer over the two weeks, 11 of them bucks. Bob English bagged the biggest buck of the group, a heavy-beamed eight-pointer weighing 210 pounds. "We had a couple of 10-pointers but Bob's was the heaviest buck," Hodgson said. "We had a good hunt. We saw 25 deer in one day and didn't take a shot."

The camp had 17 antlerless deer tags but only three antlerless deer were taken.

Hodgson's camp averaged 14 to 16 hunters each week, with six spending both weeks at camp.

Tom Bagshaw of the Alvin Miscio Hunt Camp at Blairhampton reports a very successful season with 14 deer taken over the two weeks by 16 to 17 hunters.

"Pretty well everyone I talked to did really well," Bagshaw said. "This was the best hunt in a long time."

Hunters at the Miscio camp saw at least four or five times as many deer as they bagged. "We never hurt the deer population," Bagshaw said.

Jeff Miscio's 223 pound 14-pointer was the biggest

buck.

A check with a few local butcher shops confirms a higher harvest.

Chad Burden of the West Guilford Shopping Centre said the 2004 hunt was exceptionally successful. An average season of processing deer through the store's butcher facility is 120 to 130 animals. This year the number soared to 198 deer.

"That's a way up from what we usually do," he said. "There are a lot more deer around." He also thinks the increase in the number of antlerless tags issued contributed to the number of deer taken.

Chris Coneybeare of Coneybeare Butcher Shop in Minden, said he processes a few deer in his shop and this year the numbers were comparable to other years. Coneybeare says he is trying to cut back on the number of deer he processes, so it may not be an accurate reflection of how the hunt went.

The Butcher Block in Haliburton processes an average of 100 to 120 deer each season for hunters. But Dan Chumbley said this fall's hunt was an exception. He said he stopped counting at about 150 and he estimates the final number was around 165.

Chumbley said he doesn't think the high success rate will have an adverse effect on the deer population. "People are still seeing a lot of deer," he said a week and a half after the two-week rifle season closed. He also noted that the deer seemed to be in good shape. "They were healthy, with a good layer of fat," he said.

Chumbley also noted that the average size was up from previous years. While an average deer might yield 70 to 80 pounds of venison, he believes this year's average was above that. "We had a lot over 100 pounds," he said.

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Morris Duff is 'a man of heart'

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Morris Duff has been officially declared a "Man of Heart" by Health For Life for his incredible work in organizing the Minden Sneaker Day event for the last 10 years.

"For those of you who do not know Morris, he is an amazing man. Morris's commitment to walking has inspired others who know him," says Anne-Marie Cyr.

Cyr was one of the presenters on Wednesday night that recognized individual volunteers and partners that have assisted with Health For Life projects. Health For Life is a coalition between the Haliburton Kawartha Pineridge District Health Unit and various groups in the community.

Cyr says Duff has been recognized by the provincial government and the Ontario Public Health Association for his leadership of the Sneaker Day event. She says Duff is also active in promoting the Heart and Stroke Walking Club at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, the Minden Curling Club and recently assisted Health For Life with the organization of the Try It Event.

"We would like to present you with the Man of Heart award for your perseverance, drive and tenacity in promoting healthy hearts," Cyr said as she handed him a little red stress ball in the shape of a heart along with a special certificate.

She also gave special recognition to Richard Thorne, Archie Stouffer principal. She presented him with the 2004 school partnership award. Thorne has

facilitated the introduction of a pilot after school active recreation program that runs two days a week and includes children of different age groups.

Cyr says the school has been a strong partner ever since the days when Health For Life was known as Heart Connection. The school has hosted Family Fun Nights, distributed information to students and parents, piloted the snack evaluation program and hosted the Just For Girls Program. Recently the school held a teacher resource fair to assist staff in implementing healthy choices instruction in the classroom.

One of the more amusing awards of the evening went to Sonja Marx, Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network administrative co-ordinator. Cyr gave her the Energizer Bunny Award.

"This award seems to have an affinity for Trails and Tours staff as Lindsay (Elder) and Karen (Hoover) have also received this recognition in past years. It is an award that reflects an energetic work ethic, tireless commitment to promoting a healthy community, and an endless smile," says Cyr.

Marx earned the energizer bunny reputation for her hard work on the Take A Hike Haliburton Day and the Try It Event.

Cyr also awarded Laurie Marks-O'Sullivan, a teacher at Archie Stouffer, for being the Quality Daily Physical Activity Teacher of the Year.

Rosie Kadwell, Cyr's colleague at the Health Unit and Health For Life, also recognized the work of several individuals. Barbara Walford-Davis and Mary Hicks from the Minden Food Bank were among them. Kadwell says she had been advised



Morris Duff received a unique award of recognition from Ann-Marie Cyr on behalf of Health For Life for his work in organizing the Minden Sneaker Day and other events.

there was a remarkable "dynamic duo" of volunteers in Minden long before she actually had the opportunity of working with them.

Kadwell says both women have done an incredible job beyond the call of duty for the betterment of the health of the community.

Keith Sansford, Haliburton Highlands Health Services chief administrative officer, says it is the work of people like the dynamic duo and the various volunteers who are reducing health care costs by providing people with good food, exercise opportunities and teaching them how to have a healthy lifestyle.

Strong goaltending contributes to Midget shut-out

by MARY MACPHEE
Special to the Times

Highland Storm 5 Fenelon Falls 0

In Haliburton on Friday November 26, G. J Burch Construction Highland Storm Midget AE took to the ice against Fenelon Falls.

The team played a fabulously defensive game. The first period ended 0-0.

During the second period, with 13:22 minutes to go, Tyler Watson scored with an assist from Kenton McGann. Kenton Winn deflected a hard slapshot from Kenton McGann along with an assist from Mackie Campbell at 11:56. Kenton Winn then scored his second goal with 1:30 to go with assists from Kody Smith and Tyler Watson. The second period ended with 3-0 lead for Highland Storm.

The third period started with Adam Trueman passing the puck to Adam DeCarlo who chipped it up to Max Ambridge to give him a one-on-one break away with the goalie. He then flipped the puck over the goalie's glove for goal number four. The final goal came at 9:41. Tyler Watson scored his second goal with Kody Smith's second assist for the night.

There was great goal tending by net-minder JD Crowe who came through with the first shut out of the season. Well done! Final score Highland Storm 5 Fenelon Falls 0.

Highland Storm 3 Parry Sound 1

On Sunday November 28, the Midget AE took to the road facing Parry Sound for their third game of the season.

The first period was played hard, ending 1-0 for Highland Storm with Kenton

McGann's great wrap around goal with assists from Tyler Watson and Gavin Hicks.

The second period started off with Highland Storm scoring first at 11:25. Tyler Watson squeaked by the Parry Sound players to put himself on a break-away, fanning on his slapshot. Then Joe Gallagher picked up the puck and passed it to Kenton Winn for the goal; great team work. Parry Sound came back with a goal to make it 2-1 for Haliburton Storm.

The third period started off with the team still playing well together. At 11:20 Kody Smith came out from the bench with a great hit that should be in Don Cherry's rock'em sock'em videos. Tyler Watson then picked up the puck and brought it down to Parry Sound's end, passing the puck to defenseman Zach Pierson who then put the puck in the cor-

ner of Parry Sound's net. From the goalie out the team did a great job killing off penalties especially the five-minute major handed out in the second period. The net-minders JD Crowe and Joel MacPhee both were sharp; they had great glove saves and squared up to the puck well. This was a very entertaining game to watch.

The GJ Burch Construction Highland Storm Midget AE team has been playing a great game of hockey. The team has only allowed 10 goals in the past six games, showing how well they are coming together as a team. The team remains undefeated over the past six games. Great job team.

Next games are Thursday, December 2 in Oakwood and Friday, December 3 in Minden against Bracebridge. All spectators are welcome.



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Tuesday Afternoon League November 23

High Average: Ken Thompson 218; Lillian Mattsson 186

High Single: Chris Hill 306; Lillian Mattsson 255

High Single HC: Chris Hill 335; Mable Clendenning 295

High Triple: Chris Hill 694; Lillian Mattsson 657

High Triple HC: Chris Hill 781; Lillian Mattsson 759

Tuesday Night League November 23

High Average: Ken Thompson 214; Marlene Robinson 198

High Single: Dan Harding 333; Riina Ennist 222

High Single HC: Dan Harding 367; Carol Hussul 291

High Triple: Ken Thompson 692; Riina Ennist 613

High Triple HC: Dan Harding 749; Riina Ennist 736

Wednesday Afternoon League November 24

High average: Ken Thompson 208; Carol Snow 175

High single: John Whitty 244; Marie Thompson 229

High single (handicap): Vic Ross 311; Janet McGrath 287

High triple: Ken Thompson 675; Janet McGrath 500

High triple (handicap): Vic Ross 768; Janet McGrath 724

Thursday Afternoon League November 25

High average: Merv Bunker 215; Jackie Waghorn 196

High single: Merv Bunker 286; Jackie Waghorn 245

High Single (handicap): Merv Bunker 326; Jackie Waghorn 296

High Triple: Merv Bunker 645; Jackie Waghorn 589

High Triple (handicap): Merv Bunker 765; Jackie Waghorn 742

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Fri, Dec. 3: BTC 7:30 Hal. vs Beaverton

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Sat, Dec. 4: AA 2:00 Hal. vs Parry Sound

Sat, Dec. 4: PA 3:30 Hal vs Parry Sound

Sat, Dec. 4: BTC 6:30 Hal. vs Woodville

Sun, Dec. 5: AA 2:30 Min. vs Gravenhurst

Sun, Dec. 5: PA 4:00 Min vs Bracebridge

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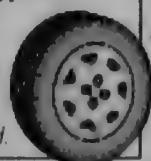


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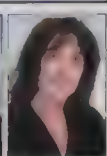
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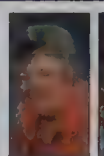
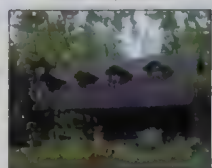
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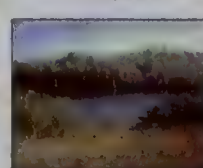
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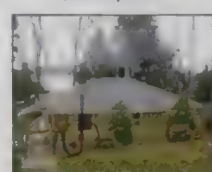


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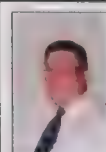
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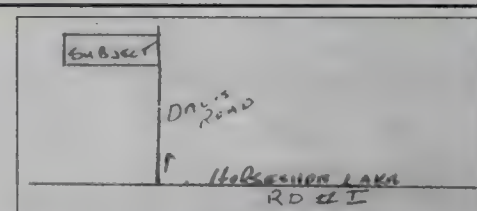
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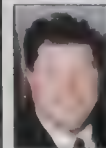


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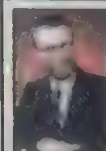
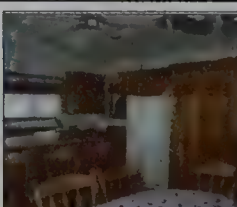


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If the counter sign at Wendy's in Lindsay is any indication tomatoes may soon be added to the list of endangered species. Stopping there for lunch we were surprised to read that due to Florida weather misfortunes tomatoes would be added to menu items on a request-only basis. Just imagine the fallout. Song lyrics such as "you say tomato and I say tamato" would be lost on future generations, the B.L.T. would be reduced to the B.L. and ketchup become a condiment of the rich and famous.

Viewed from the window the dooryard is fast filling with snow and "it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." Santa officially arrives in Kinmount on Sunday, December 12 with the annual parade starting out along Main Street at 2 p.m.

Once again appreciation is extended to the Legion and Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development who sponsor the parade and for their many other efforts on behalf of our rural community -- greenery and holiday figures throughout the village all add a special flavour to the season.

At the Kinmount Post Office, the Credit Union and the Medical Centre, the "Angel Trees" set up be the Kinmount & District Lions Club are there to receive donations of unwrapped new toys. Non-perishable food items can also be placed under the Trees or at the Legion.

Now for the Scoring News. November 24 bid euchre at Stanhope: Single moonshots went to Jean Dutka, Cliff Davison and Tom Macartney with Chris Clarke and Garth Windsor each taking two. Special mention goes to Percy Butler who won the Moonshot

Contest by recording the target # 25. Tops for the pinks was Lottie Ruttan 318 followed by Trudy Kroes 295 and Jane Swick 275 while Bev Swick led the white cards at 295 with Don Burch next at 255 and John Grinberger third at 248. Mark your calendar now for the Christmas dinner on Dec. 8 starting at 5:45 p.m. with cards to follow.

November 24 Kinmount Seniors euchre: Theresa Deak and Emily Harvie were both double lucky with Theresa winning for ladies high and most lone hands while Emily took ladies low and the special draw. For the gents Bill St. Thomas had the high score and Ted Wilkins the evening's low. New players are always welcome; euchre starts at 7:30 p.m.

November 24 duplicate bridge at Parklane: It was Margo Davidson and Ross Fletcher first at 66%, Harold Cox and Chuck Wilson next at 50% with a tie for third between Joan Galley partnered with Elva Robinson and Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf at 49%.

November 25 euchre at the Minden Legion: In the lone hands column it was Kay Orr and Bob Pollard. High scores were recorded by Maria Tschida and Tom Orr with Shirley Kuni and Don Burch taking the lows. Other prizes went to Roy Knapton, Don Hicks, Marie Dennie, Syd Adamson and Gala Stamp.

November 26 euchre at Staunworth Court: Pat Bailey had the high score with Martha Harding holding the most lone hands. Helen Skelding winning for low hands and Doreen Francis taking the draw. My apologies to Margaret Frankland whose friends wanted to wish her a happy birthday last week.

November 26 bid euchre at Club 35: Jean Dutka, Bev Swick and Rob Evans took the moonshots with Clara Miscio uncovering the hidden score. Leading the pinks was Jean Randell 287 then Bernice Depner 284 and Olive Jones 256 while Alf Whyman was first for the white cards at 256. Pat Scadden second at 244 and Bev Swick a close third at 243.

November 26 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills: It was Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf first at 64% then Judy Neimann and Harold Cox second at 60% and Dorothy Thayer partnered with Ross Fletcher third at 57%.

November 27 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace: With a score of 255 Pearl Cowen was the winner followed by Gala Stamp 244 then Rob Evans and Maria Tschida tied at 236. The draws went to Pat Roussel, Isobel Cherwenka and June Branning. Helen Luffman had the moonshot.

November 29 euchre at Staunworth Terrace: Albert Foster took the honours for high hands with Pat Bailey winning for lone hands on a three way cut with only a 10 card. Celina Thrasher had the low hands and Elaine Yeo received the special prize. Everyone was pleased to welcome back Perry Peacock.

November 29 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre: In first was Marjorie Paradis with Vic Ballik second. Six moonshots landed on Marjorie Paradis, Eileen Shepstone, Marg Viney, Roger Fournier, Libby St. Amand and Thelma Francis who also took home the special prize. The Christmas Party at the Legion was a great success.

November 29 euchre at Club 35: Percy Butler had the most lone hands and Jean Dutka won the baloney. High score holders were Helen Windsor and Tom Pearson with Linda Voycey and Ray Sisson recording the evening's lows.

November 29 cribbage at the Minden Legion: The top trio was led by Laura Carnegie with Verna McDonald second and Don Burch third. The draws went to Lorna Hicks, Bob Heggart and Joe Rivers.

November 29 euchre at St. Paul's: In the lone hands column it was Bill Mosley and Gwen Cox with Margaret Fletcher and Lorne Dinesen taking the high scores. Lows were recorded by Mabel Deacon and Laura Carnegie. Special prizes went to Fern Donnelly and Betty Sharpe. Marion Stickwood and Maria Tschida were favoured with a visit from the striped critter.

November 30 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were four Small Slams two by Bruce Armstrong partnered first with Ray Moore then Chuck Wilson, one by Dorothy Strype and Muriel

McIntosh and one by Ev Morgan and Ross Davies. Muriel McIntosh also had a Grand Slam. Ev Morgan led the high scores with 6550 followed by Dorothy Strype 6300. Ross Davies 5530 and Bruce Armstrong 5490. Betty Dicker won the lucky draw while June Branning received the Shiny Penny and Ev Morgan the "Pate Princess" Award.

November 30 bid euchre at the Minden Legion: Topping the charts was Rob Evans 293 with Pat Roussel next at 258 and our reporter Jean Scadden third at 254. Don Burch, Margaret Fletcher, Kevin Maloney and Phyllis Windsor took the moonshots while Sharon Evans, Margaret Fletcher, Ruth Kellett and Thelma Francis won the draws.

November 30 euchre at Gelert Community Centre: Audrey Vick reports a good crowd out for cards. High scores ladies/men were recorded by Dale Ranson and Steven Saunders with Gala Newell and George Bartley taking the lows. Don Hicks held the most lone hands and the draw went to Ted Wilkins.

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The president opened the meeting with the Ode and the Collect and welcomed our guest. Roll call was, "naming the Prime Minister in Office of the year you were born."

The Secretary, Treasurer and Card convenor each gave their monthly reports. Four bills were paid and donations made to the Archie Stouffer School Breakfast Club, the Minden

Food Bank and the Minden Auxiliary Health Care. A discussion took place about the Andre Lapine collection and we will wait for Laurie to talk to us early in the New Year.

Del Gunn gave her report of the last two months current events, Haliburton County is a very busy place. Mabel Deacon, convenor for Citizenship, Culture and Community read a paper about the needs of children in our schools. There are so many nationalities and cultures amongst Canada's new immigrants,

especially in the cities, that teachers are overwhelmed with the demands of children with poor language skills and special needs. A very interesting report that should be delved into in the future.

Grace was sung and lunch served by Mary and Beaulagh. Jean was thanked for her hospitality. Our December 15 meeting is a Christmas pot-luck, at the United Church at 11:30 a.m. and were encouraged to bring a friend. Call Mary 286-1158 or Pam 754-1656.



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People wishing to bring some Christmas cheer to the less fortunate should check out the Christmas trees at the TD and CIBC banks in Minden. The Pathfinders have placed "angels" on the trees, representing a child who would like to receive a gift. Each angel reveals whether it's a boy or girl and the age of the child. People are asked to take an angel, buy the appropriate gift, wrap it, and return it to the bank with the angel on top of it.

Don't forget the deadline for the Christmas Lights contest is December 6 at 6 p.m.

Get all your computer questions answered

The Dorset Recreation Centre Community Access Program is pleased to announce the arrival of Carol Mowat to the program. Carol will be available to help you with all your computer needs Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call to book your FREE computer lesson today - ALL are welcome. Help is available on everything from how to turn a computer on, "Surfin'" the Web, word processing to you name it. Call 766-9968 for more details or to book an appointment.

The winter coats at the Dorset Recreation Centre will be available until December 8, after which time whatever is left over will be donated to the Salvation Army. These coats are all donated and have been cleaned by Lindsay Dry Cleaners. They would make great (play coats) for winter fun activities. All are welcome to take a coat - mostly kids sizes but there are some adult ones too.

Moms, dads and kids - get ready for the annual Dorset Lions Club Children's Christmas Party to be held at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, December 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. Food, entertainment and Santa - who could ask for more? Parents, please bring one wrapped gift for presentation to your child by Santa. Call the Recreation Centre at 766-9968.

The next Dorset Seniors Friendship

Luncheon at the Dorset Recreation Centre takes place on Thursday, December 9 at 12 noon. For more information or to reserve, please call Helen at 766-1517 or Donna at 789-0876.

The Third Annual Community Christmas Evening is scheduled for Saturday, December 11 at the Dorset Recreation Centre at

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7:30 p.m. An evening filled with music by The Muskoka Men of Song and Christmas refreshments. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children and are available at the Dorset Recreation Centre and the Dorset Post Office. For more information, you can call Patricia at 766-0267. This event is hosted by the Lake of Bays parish, St. Mary Magdalene Church.

The Dorset Recreation Committee is pleased to host the Tea & Travel - Christmas in Historic Williamsburg event at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Ken & Mildred Everest will share their exploration of Williamsburg, Virginia at Christmas time with an entertaining and delightful slide presentation. All are welcome and admission is \$2 per person. Coffee, tea and treats will be available for purchase. Tea & Travel takes place on Wednesday, December 15 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Birthday wishes for November 28 to December 4 go out to Lynn Quinn and Gina Baum. Have a great day!



Spice Up Your Life Enter The Highlands Christmas At Night Decoration Contest

Here's something that's going to jingle your bells ... you can win a \$400 gift certificate for anything your little heart desires at Haliburton Home Hardware, just for decorating your home for the holidays! Toys, tools, kitchen gadgets and giftware -- it's all at the shop where Santa stops!

The \$400 shopping extravaganza is the first prize in this year's Christmas At Night outdoor decorating contest, sponsored by Haliburton Home Hardware and the Haliburton County Echo.

Second prize is a \$200. gift certificate from Haliburton Home Hardware.

Third prize is a year's subscription to both the Haliburton County Echo AND the Minden Times.

Entering is easy! Just decorate outside of your house and yard with Christmas lights, cut-outs, baubles, bells or whatever strikes your festive fancy! Then write your name, phone number, address and REALLY GOOD DIRECTIONS either on an email message or a piece of paper. Your email can be sent to editor@haliburtonecho.ca. Your piece of paper can be faxed to 457-3275 or mailed to Christmas At Night Contest, c/o Haliburton County Echo, Box 360, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0. No phone-in entries, please. You must live in Haliburton County to be eligible.

Entries must be received by 6 p.m. Monday, December 6. Judging will be done during the evening the following week and prizes awarded in plenty of time for Christmas!



Police doing a telephone survey

The Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment will be conducting a telephone survey during the coming months, which will allow the public to voice their opinions on policing issues within Haliburton County.

Local volunteers, who will be calling phone numbers randomly selected by a computer, will conduct the survey. The survey will begin within the next week and last for several months.

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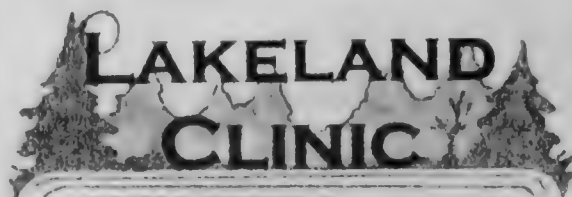
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- **The Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre** invites you to come & enjoy **Creative Women's Circle**, a Centre Program that takes place Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Call 705-748-5901.
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- **Dorset TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter** meets at the Dorset Rec Centre every Monday at 8:30am for a weigh-in and meeting. All are welcome to join.
- **ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM:** For women 50+ years, screening by appointment only on Thurs and Fri at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral needed. 328-6175.
- **The Ontario Early Years Centres** in Haliburton and Minden will now be open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop in for crafts, circle time and fun activities for children 0 - 6. Free toy and book lending library. Call 296-1770 or 457-2989 for more information.
- **December 7:** Christmas is coming! A special pre-christmas service at Minden United Church. For those people and for who seek renewal and refreshment of spirit Minden United Church is hosting a Blue Christmas Service at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7. Everyone is welcome.
- **December 4:** Santa's Workshop, Craft Sale and Flea Market, Saturday, December 4, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce, Snack Bar available, Silent Auction. For more information please contact Kathy Rogers at (705) 448-2419. Vendors are welcome.
- **December 6:** The Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers are now holding their meetings at the Minden Legion Hwy #35. Come join us. RUg hooking demonstrations, and instructions will be available. Call Elaine 286-2035 or Peggy 286-3387.
- **December 12:** Santa Claus Parade, Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. Main Street, Kinmount. Sponsored by The Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 441 & The Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development. For further information call 488-2635.
- **December 12:** Sunday, December 12, 7:00 p.m., Minden United Church is hosting a family and community Christmas song and carol evening at the Church, 21 Newcastle St. Come and enjoy an evening with friends, family and neighbours to welcome the season. Refreshments to follow.
- **December 12:** Festival of Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 12th at 4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, Minden. St. Paul's Choir, Guest Organist Elaine Bell, Highlands Brass Quintet. Refreshments following.
- **December 13:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton, Dec. 2004. We are holding informal support group meetings. You are welcome to attend. Bring your concerns. We will bring the refreshments. You are not alone. Minden. Mon. Dec. 13, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Hyland Crest Meeting Classroom, Caring with Confidence. For more information please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **December 16:** Christmas Party & Potluck Lunch, Thursday, December 16, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join us for Christmas crafts, music circle and a visit from Santa Claus! Please bring a wrapped gift (under \$10) for your child. Please sign up for the potluck lunch, OEYC will provide the ham and beverages.
- **December 21:** The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group will not be meeting tonight. We wish all a merry Xmas and a happy holiday season. Our next meeting is Jan. 18/05 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge - Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home. For info. please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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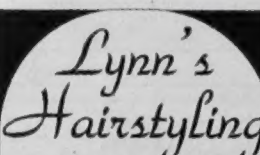


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and visits following the death of
our dear mother (grandmother,
great-grandmother, aunt, sister-
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Our thanks to the Rev. Sharon
Towne whose words lessened
the pain a little and to all the la-
dies of St. Thomas ACW for the
lovely lunch and also to Mr.
Jack Lewis for fulfilling Emily's
last wish by singing at the serv-
ice.

450 IN MEMORIAM

BURK, NORMA - In loving
memory of my wife Norma who
passed away Dec. 6, 2003
Though her smile is gone forev-

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And her hand I cannot touch
Still I have so many memories
Of the one I loved so much
Her memory is my keepsake
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Miss you so much, Neil.

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memory of Norma Burk who
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Sometimes an old-fashioned
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Brings up a thought of you;
Sometimes a flower as we pass
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Or a sky that is azure blue;
Or a silver lining in the clouds
When the sun is peeping
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A dear friend sadly missed
Dave and Kathy.

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JOHNSTON, GLEN MICHAEL
- Who left us suddenly Dec. 5,
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lingers sweetly, tender, fond
and true
There's not a day our dear
Glen, that we do not think of
you.

So sadly missed by Mom,
Brother and sisters and dear
friend of Scott.

460 OBITUARIES

BARRY, ELIZABETH (BETTY)
- At Ross Memorial Hospital,
Lindsay on Friday, November
26, 2004, Betty Barry of
Bobcaygeon, formerly of
Caledon East, in her 85th year.
Daughter of the late Thomas
and Thiza Wright. Loving wife of
61 years of Raymond (Ray)
Barry. Loving mother of Keith
(Penny) Barry of Brampton and
Kathy (Art) James of Caledon
East. Grandmother of Laura
(Stephan) Potopnyk of Barrie,
Margaret Thompson-James of
Whitby and Brian Barry of
Brampton. Sister of Velma
Jennings of Burlington and the
late Wynona, Margaret, Jack
and Mabel. The family wishes
to express their heartfelt thanks
to Ross Memorial Hospital,
Lindsay and Civic Hospital,
Peterborough for their kindness.
Family and friends were
received at the Monk Funeral
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7-9 p.m. Sunday. Funeral
Service was held in the Monk
Chapel on Monday, November
29, 2004 at 3 o'clock. Interment
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FREDERICK FRANCIS
PARKER

Passed away peacefully to
the Arms of Jesus at the
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At the age of 86.

Beloved husband of Beth, dear
father of David and his wife Pat,
Ray and his wife Jill of Toronto.
Loving grandfather of Aiden,
Chelsea, Hanna and Shane.
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Service in the Chapel on Wed-
nesday December 1, 2004 at
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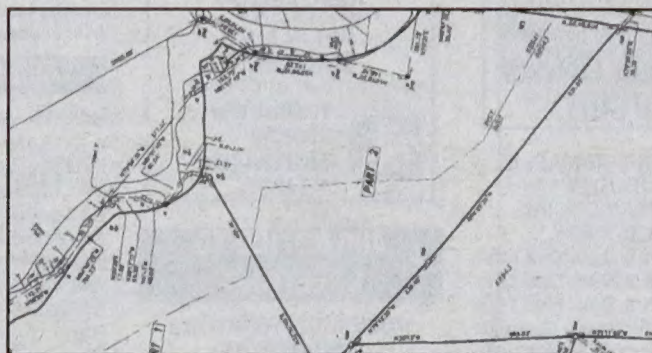


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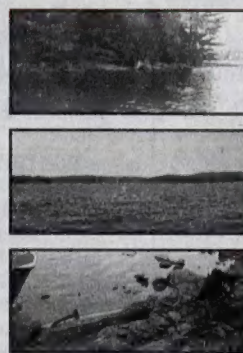
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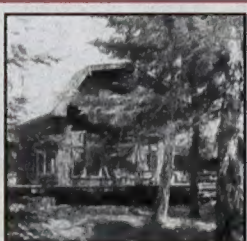
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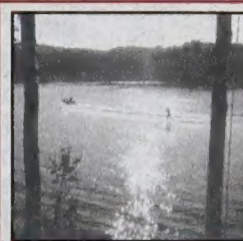


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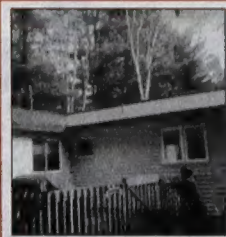
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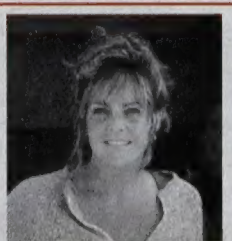
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